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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. D'AMATO (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. SIMON, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. RIEGLE, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. PELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. METZENBAUM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. KRUEGER, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. DANFORTH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MACK, and Mr. SIMPSON) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Reported by Mr. BIDEN, without amendment

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Whereas emergency medical services is a vital public service;

Whereas access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury;

Whereas efforts to establish emergency medicine as a medical specialty began twenty five years ago with the founding of the American College of Emergency Physicians in 1968;

Whereas the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty four hours a day, seven days a week;

Whereas emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others;

Whereas approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers;

Whereas the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills;

Whereas Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals;

Whereas it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

Whereas the designation of Emergency Medical Services Week will serve to educate all Americans about injury prevention and how to respond to a medical emergency:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the weeks beginning May 23, 1993, and May 15,
4 1994, are designated as “Emergency Medical Services
5 Week” and the President is authorized and requested to
6 issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United
7 States to observe such weeks with appropriate ceremonies
8 and activities.